absolutely essential that the City of Baltimore have adequate sanitary sewerage and storm water drainage systems and the necessary appurtenances thereto; and

WHEREAS, The existing sanitary sewerage and storm water drainage systems, and the appurtenances thereto, of the City of Baltimore are inadequate to take care of the existing flow of sewage and storm water originating in Baltimore City and parts of Baltimore and Anne Arundel Counties; and

Whereas, The population of the City of Baltimore and its environs has greatly increased in recent years and it has been necessary to develop many of the outlying areas of the City of Baltimore for residential and commercial purposes, all of which necessitates the installation of proper sewage and storm water drainage and such drainage should be installed before the proper paving is done; and

WHEREAS, The Water Pollution Control Commission of the State of Maryland has directed the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to make immediately certain improvements to its Back River Sewage Disposal Plant; and

Whereas, The Circuit Court No. 2 of Baltimore City in recent months ordered the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to make extensive improvements and additions to its Back River Sewage Disposal Plant and to make certain studies in connection with the disposition of sewage effluent coming from said plant; and

Whereas, It is essential to extend and improve immediately the sanitary sewerage and storm water drainage systems of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to prevent an imminently dangerous health hazard and to protect the public health and safety; and

Whereas, The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore does not have sufficient funds to extend and improve its sanitary sewerage and storm water drainage systems; and

Whereas, The General Assembly of Maryland has determined and hereby declares that an acute emergency exists in connection with the sanitary sewerage and storm water drainage systems of the City of Baltimore and that it is in the general public welfare that the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore be authorized and empowered to borrow funds to extend and improve its sanitary sewerage and storm water drainage systems; therefore